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Thanks

- .. To Total Span for the new bus shelter at the corner of Gumtown Rd and Three Mile Bush Rd.
- .. To the parents who attended and helped out with the Room 9 Camp this week.
- .. To Christine and Glenn Redwood for hosting our international students at their calf club this week (and 2 at milking time). Apparently you went well beyond the call of duty.
- .. To those who have purchased tickets to attend next week's school production and to those parents who have helped out.

People of the week

- .. Kate Woffindin who passed her Level 2 Tap Dancing exam with honours.
- .. Mr Schuster for the hard work and long hours put in to ensure this is one of our best school productions yet.
- .. Our room 9 campers .. their parents .. and their teacher!

School Production

A reminder that performances are as follows - **Evening Performances** 7:00 PM 13th and 14th - **Matinee Performances** 1:00 PM 14th and 15th. Children are required at both evening performances please (thanks parents) and should arrive at the following times - **Actors** 6:00 PM, **Backstage crew** 6:00 PM, **Tech/film crew** 6:00 PM, **Dancers** 6:15 PM, **Choir** 6:30 PM.

School Production Ticket Sales

Further tickets are available for all performances (especially matinee performances) and can be purchased from the school office.

Virtue - DILIGENCE

- If you have not already done so ..
- .. please read over the support material and discuss this with your child(ren)
 - .. re-visit this material from time to time
 - .. explain how diligence has helped you to meet some challenge
 - .. help your child(ren) find some opportunities to practise diligence
 - .. advise us of any successes so we can celebrate these through the newsletter.

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Barge Park Cross Country Results

7 children have qualified to compete at the Northland Champs on Wednesday 22nd September (with top 15 finishes). They are: Natasha Hewson, Seth Grant, Jemimah Jongkind, Max Brunker, Emily Brunker, William Dorahy, Ethan Harkness. Well done!

Results for 3rd September as follows:

Yr 4	Natasha (6), Michelle (44), Sarah (52), Ellie (71), Xanthe (90) Seth (6), Jordan (37), Campbell (74), Oliver (100)
Yr 5	Jemimah (8), Karmelle (59), Grace (69), Ruby (69) Max (11), Luka (24), Brad (47)
Yr 6	Kayleigh (33), Shannon (81), Emily (83), Amy-Rose (97), Marina (100+) Liam (17), Jamahl (19), Quinn (56), Cameron (74), Corey (75)
Yr 7	Emily (13), Tyler (19), Jess(27), Georgia (33), Kendall (38), Caitlyn (40) Euan(18), Scott (20), Jesse (25), Brady (29), James (33), Hayden(38)
Yr 8	Eleanor (31), Michaela (36), Sophie (38), Kennedy(41), Reumah (46), Shannon (47) William (7), Ethan (13), Ricky (17), Alex (23), Jackson (24), Mitchell (35)

Coming up

13 September	K.H.S. enrolment interviews (at Matarau School)
13-15 September	School production
17 September	Rippa Rugby - Tournament 2
22 September	Senior Abseiling Day - A.H. Reed Park
22 September	Northland Cross Country Championship
24 September	Final day of term
11 October	First day of term 4
22 October	Calf Club Day

K.H.S. Enrolment Interviews (13.9)

Parents of K.H.S. intending students will have been advised of interview times. Please bring along evidence of address, your child's birth certificate and their latest report.

Safety at bus stops

This week we had a concerned parent advise that some children waiting for morning buses are venturing too close to the road. Vehicles travel very fast along country roads and children are not always easy targets to spot. We have spoken to the children concerned, and have been monitoring, but would like all parents to remind all children of the necessity of waiting **back from the road** and of **being attentive to road traffic**. **Parents of 5 and 6 year olds are strongly encouraged to wait with their children.** Parents are invited to promptly advise us of any unsafe behaviour so that we can look in to this. Thank you for your support.

Senior School Request

Hip Hooray we have a chicken coop!!

A BIG thank you to Steve Martin for building us a chicken coop.

If anybody would possibly donate some chicken food for the school chickens we would be very grateful. Also if anybody has some egg cartons they could donate we would really appreciate it as the school will sell the eggs that the chickens lay.

If you could donate any of these things please contact Mrs Williams in Room 10.

Scholastic Books

Issue 6 has now closed. Orders will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. Scholastic "SALE" Brochure issued today. All orders and payments to the **office** by Friday 18th September.

Wanted - Helpers

This year's Trivia Night is to be held on 30th October. We are organising sponsorship/prizes for this big fundraiser and any assistance would be gratefully accepted. If you are in a position to help please contact Cherrie Parker on 437 1327.

Calf Club Day - 22nd October 2009

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves must be born after 1st July 2008. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. For those who bring pets, a booklet will be handed out prior to the September school holidays & needs to be completed by 15 October. No dogs are allowed to be entered. If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs to Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz
If you need lambs phone Murray or Sue Ph 4322475, \$30 each.

Home Gardens

Home garden booklets were distributed last week (let us know if your child did not receive one). Children growing from seeds will need to plant seeds at some stage soon (possibly in trays prior to transferring to their gardens). Composts can also be under way. Children in the programme for the first time have been asked to think about a suitable location for their garden .. they should think sunshine, shelter and proximity to water. Children are asked to plant a minimum 6 different vegetables but can also include flowers in their gardens. We will meet periodically at school to share and encourage each other. Don't hesitate to give Kevin a call (or drop by) with any questions.

So .. first tasks .. locate garden .. get compost going .. soak and plant seeds (see first 5 pages of the garden resource booklet - **please refer to this booklet from time to time maybe even as a substitute for reading homework with the consent of the classroom teacher**)

Out of zone enrolments

For more information on the balloting process, and for a zone description, please visit our website www.matarau.school.nz. Application forms available from the school office.

Fund Raiser for Hatch Cup Hockey

James, Scott and Jonathan are selling sheep poo to fundraise for the Hatch Cup Hockey tournament. The bags are \$10 each. For orders please phone James at 4350373.

Community Notices

For Rent - 2 bedroom flat (huge bedrooms) plus large storage room, new kitchen, carpeted, heat pump, fenced garden, Kamo. Trade Me #316147343 \$250. Phone Hana 4350230 or 0274352786.

For Rent - Carpeted, light and bright modern home for rent. 3x lg bedrooms. Walk-in pantry, plenty storage, ½ size easy care section, sgl lockup garage, Dip Rd on the bus route from Matarau. Walk to Hurupaki sch. Avail Oct 5. Phone Hana 4350230 or 0274352786.

For Sale - Room 5 School Class Photo, laminated and named (ordered by accident) \$10. Phone Hana 4350230.

Hikurangi Kindergarten Fundraiser - A portrait sitting and a 10 x 13 quality portrait for \$10. 5 Park St, Hikurangi Sunday 17 October 2010. Phone Sharon on 433 8535 or text to 0276319361.

Whakapara Pony Club - If you are interested in horses then come along to our Opening Rally and find out all about Pony Club, Saturday 4th Sept, 12.30-3.00 Whakapara Pony Club Grounds, Hikurangi. All enquiries to Fiona Harkness 4337101 or Karen Frost 4334750.

Zumba

Please note that there will be no Zumba classes on 14 September due to the School Production.

A few reminders

.. to read consent notices carefully to see if you are required to transport your won child to off site events.
.. to write (or preferably email - principal@matarau.school.nz) to request an exemption from school for your child - something the Ministry requires. You will hear back very quickly.

Matarau T-shirts

The Board is keen for children representing our school to wear Matarau T-shirts. Not only does this look smart, it also engenders pride and helps us to keep children safe. While we have a small number of T-shirts

we lend out from the office, parents are encouraged to purchase T-shirts from the school office if they can afford them. We would also be keen to receive donations of T-shirts where these have been outgrown. Thank you.

Research findings on what really makes a difference to learning

Recent meta-research (research summarising a wide body of previous research in the field of education) is confirming that certain things make a bigger difference to learning outcomes than was previously believed. Each week we will share something that makes a bigger difference than was believed, and something that makes a lesser difference than previously believed.

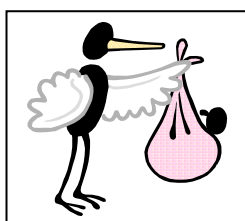
	Last week	This week
Bigger difference than was believed	Teacher feedback	Students prior cognitive ability
Lesser difference than was believed	Physical environment (including buildings)	Team (specialist) teaching.

Year 7 and 8 at Matarau School

- the findings on the table above provide a useful lead in to our senior school promotion.

From time to time we have enquiries from urban parents about our year 7 and 8 programme as an option for their year 7 or 8 child. The growth of Huanui College also indicates there is demand for high quality programmes and that people will transport their children some distance to find this. **As a consequence, we are planning to expand our year 7 and 8 programme next year.** While different schools suit different children, there is no doubt **(confirmed by a growing body of research, as well as anecdotal evidence)** that full primary schools can be the best option for many year 7 and 8 children. The track record of students entering secondary school from Matarau indicates these children **earn good class placements and are (on average) well ahead of their peers academically.** Visitors at the recent Regional Science Fair will have noticed that many of the outstanding prize winning secondary exhibits were produced by former Matarau students - **the methodology they used had been learnt in year 7 and 8** and re-applied while at secondary school. In short, it is important to understand that the year 7 and 8 programme at Matarau School is not just an extension of the year 6 programme. It is a **carefully designed programme intended to maximise the likelihood of success at secondary and beyond.** Our year 6 parents are encouraged to **think 2013 and not 2011** when planning these important years.

As part of our forward planning we are keen to gauge the level of **out of zone** interest in our senior programmes. **The attached flyer is for you to please pass to any person you think may be interested in further information on year 7 and 8 options.** When we have a feel for the exact level of interest we can then make some important resourcing decisions. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Final thought

We are thrilled to announce that on 7 September (one working day after finishing at school) Mrs Burgin gave birth to a 7.2 ounce baby boy named Connor William Blake Burgin. Congratulations to Mike and Rachael.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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